

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Dominique Charmot, et al.

Serial No. : Unassigned Art Unit: Unknown

Filed : Herewith Examiner: Unknown

For : ION BINDING COMPOSITIONS

Commissioner for Patents
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PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL BECAUSE OF APPLICANT'S AGE
(37 CFR 1.102(c) AND M.P.E.P. 708.02 IV)

Sir:

Applicants hereby petition to make this application special because applicant is over 65 years of age.

As a showing of this fact, accompanying this petition is:

(check one of the following)

applicant's birth certificate.
 a declaration by the applicant that he/she is over 65 years of age.

No fee is required with this petition, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.102(c).

Conclusion

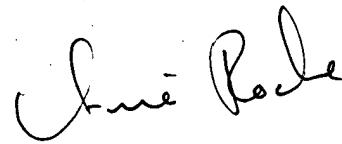
In view of the above-noted circumstances, Applicants respectfully request that the present application be advance out of turn for prosecution, and expedited through examination.

U.S. Serial No. Unassigned
Docket No. 29329-715.201

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required fees due in connection with this submission, including petition and extension of time fees, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-2415 (Docket No. 29329-715.202).

Respectfully submitted,

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STATEMENT OF APPLICANT IN SUPPORT OF PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.102(c)

Sir:

In accordance with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.102(c) and MPEP 708.02 IV, I certify that I am an Applicant in the above-identified patent application, and that I am over 65 years of age.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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